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AUTOLOADING RIM FIRE RIFLES

- OPERATIONS
- MAINTENANCE
- SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

MODELS 980-DL-987

READ THIS OWNERS' MANUAL COMPLETELY TO INSURE BEST PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY

PART NAMES AND LOCATIONS

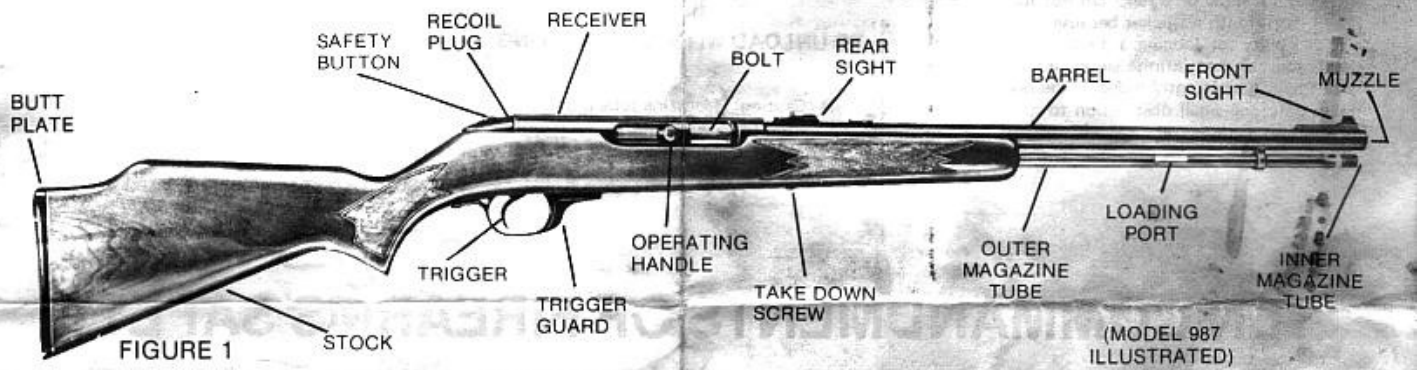

FIGURE 1 (MODEL 987 ILLUSTRATED)

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

FAILURE TO OBEY A SAFETY WARNING MAY RESULT IN INJURY TO YOU OR TO OTHERS.

ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION

Prior to using live ammunition, familiarize yourself thoroughly with these operating instructions. See Figure 1. Get used to the feel of operating the mechanism of your new rifle – know the feel and effort needed to operate the action, open and close the bolt, pull the trigger and **KNOW HOW TO LOCATE AND PLACE SAFETY IN THE "ON" POSITION.** The safety is located on the top rear of receiver. The safety is in **"ON"** position when pulled to the rear as indicated by **"S".** The safety can be put in the **"ON"** position **ONLY WHEN THE ACTION IS COCKED.** When carried in the field the safety should be in the **"ON"** position whether the action is open or closed. See Figure 2.

MAKE SURE THE RIFLE IS NOT LOADED

TO ASSEMBLE (Stock with Barrel) – Fit barrel to stock by inserting trigger into trigger slot in stock. Be sure barrel stud fits into the hole in stock. Tighten takedown screw until barrel and stock are rigidly joined. (Check screw after heavy firing to make sure action is tightly locked to stock).

FIGURE 2

HOW TO OPERATE

1. Draw back on the operating handle opening the action, then press inward on the operating handle latching the breech bolt in the open position. See Figure 2.

2. Put the safety **"ON"** by pulling the safety all the way to rear as indicated by "S". **(GUN MUST BE COCKED).**

USE THE CORRECT AMMUNITION AS IDENTIFIED ON THE BARREL. CLEAN INSIDE OF THE BARREL AND CHAMBER TO REMOVE ALL GREASE AND OTHER POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FIRING.

TO LOAD

1. To Load – With the safety in the **"ON"** position, pull outward on the operating handle and allow the bolt to close. Turn the magazine tube cap to unlock the magazine and withdraw the inner magazine tube until the red colored follower clears the loading port in the magazine. With the **MUZZLE POINTED UPWARD IN A SAFE DIRECTION,** insert the cartridge's rimmed end first. See Figure 3. The magazine is filled to capacity when a cartridge is visible in the loading port. The magazine will come under spring tension, so securely grip the magazine tube cap and carefully push the magazine tube down into position and turn to lock.

2. TO LOAD THE CHAMBER – Pull rearward on the operating handle, then release the handle allowing the breech bolt to snap forward. The chamber is now loaded and the gun is ready for firing.

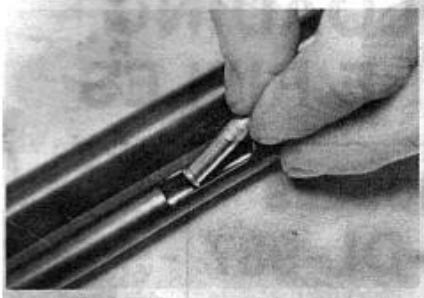

FIGURE 3

TO CARRY

Do not permit the muzzle to dip into mud, snow or water. Do not thrust the barrel into a thicket because of the possibility of lodging a twig in the bore. Mud, snow and an infinite variety of other objects may inadvertently lodge in the barrel. It takes only one small obstruction to ruin (swell or rupture) a gun barrel.

TO FIRE

1. Do not put safety in the "OFF" position until you are ready to fire.

2. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of trigger guard until you are ready to fire.

3. Place the gun to your shoulder, put safety in the "OFF" position, take aim, place your finger lightly on trigger. When on target, squeeze the trigger. The gun will fire and automatically eject the fired cartridge case and reload a new cartridge each time the trigger is pulled until the magazine is empty.

4. The ejected cartridge cases are hot. Do not hold your hand over the ejection port when firing, or attempt to catch the fired case.

5. Always put the safety in the "ON" position when not firing.

TO UNLOAD WITHOUT SHOOTING

Caution: Magazine tube is under tension from follower spring.

With the safety in the "ON" position and the **MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION,** remove magazine tube and tilt muzzle down to remove cartridges from magazine. Replace magazine tube. With muzzle still pointed in a safe direction, open breech bolt to extract live round from chamber. Latch breech bolt in open position and view chamber and action area to insure gun is unloaded.

YOU MUST SEE BOTH THE EMPTY CHAMBER AND THE RED COLORED MAGAZINE FOLLOWER IN THE ACTION.

SIGHT ADJUSTMENTS

To raise or lower point of impact, raise or lower rear sight blade. To adjust windage left or right, move rear sight blade left or right. The point of impact of the bullet will always move in the same direction that the rear sight blade is moved.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARMS SAFETY.

A good hunter is a safe hunter. He knows there is no place for horseplay in hunting. He learns and obeys the commandments of firearms safety and insists that his companions know and follow them too.

Every hunter – whether novice of experienced outdoorsman – should review these commandments before each hunting season to be sure that his gun handling, both at home and in the field, sets a good example for others.

1. Don't rely on your gun's safety. Treat every gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.
2. Don't shoot unless absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it.
3. Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. Only carry ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are using.
4. Never point your gun at anything you do not want to shoot. Watch your muzzle so the other person doesn't have to.
5. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
6. Avoid alcoholic beverages both before and during shooting.
7. Never carry a loaded gun when you climb a tree, cross a fence, jump a ditch or go through areas where you are apt to slip or trip.
8. Never shoot at a hard, flat surface or the surface of water. Make sure you have a safe backstop.
9. Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your camp, car or home.
10. Store guns and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children.

It is recommended that SHOOTING GLASSES be worn at all times and that EAR PROTECTION be used where practical.

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TO DISASSEMBLE FOR CLEANING – MAKE CERTAIN MAGAZINE AND CHAMBER ARE UNLOADED – Remove stock. Close bolt and leave cocked. Press down on end of Safety Slide to release pressure on Safety Slide Retaining Ring and remove Ring. Remove Safety Slide from Trigger Housing.

IMPORTANT – Uncock gun by pulling Trigger to remove pressure of Hammer Spring against Recoil Plug. Unscrew Recoil Plug and draw out Recoil Plug, Hammer and Firing Pin. Remove Operating Handle which was retained by Firing Pin. Hold Trigger back and slide Breech Bolt out rear of receiver. See Figure 4.

THIS TRIGGER ASSEMBLY IS FACTORY ADJUSTED. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DISASSEMBLE OR ADJUST.

TO REASSEMBLE AFTER CLEANING – Reverse above procedure. Install hammer, firing pin, and breech bolt as a unit while holding trigger back. Withdraw hammer and firing pin sufficiently to insert operating handle into breech bolt then push hammer and firing pin back into receiver until hammer touches rear of breech bolt. Adjust recoil plug to fit breech bolt locked in open position with operating handle pushed into hole in left side of receiver.

TO INSURE PROPER SAFETY OPERATION MAKE CERTAIN THAT RETAINING RING IS SECURELY ASSEMBLED.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR RIFLE

Protect your rifle with good gun care products. To help assure trouble free performance, it is important periodically, or after 500 shots have been fired, to remove the bolt and push a patch, moistened with a good solvent through the entire length of the bore several times, using long even strokes. Push clean patches through the bore in the same manner until the last patch comes out unsoiled. Then push a lightly oiled patch through the entire length of the bore.

CHECK BORE AT THIS POINT FOR POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTIONS.

Brush or blow any residue from action area. Also with a brush and solvent clean the bolt face and extractors. Wipe dry all metal parts and oil lightly.

Between seasons, apply a coat of oil to the bore and metal parts and store in a dry place. **DO NOT PLUG THE BARREL** or store in a case that is made of a fabric or material which will absorb the lubricant from the rifle.

FURTHER CARE

This firearm should be checked periodically by a competent gunsmith to insure proper operation and any worn or damaged parts replaced.

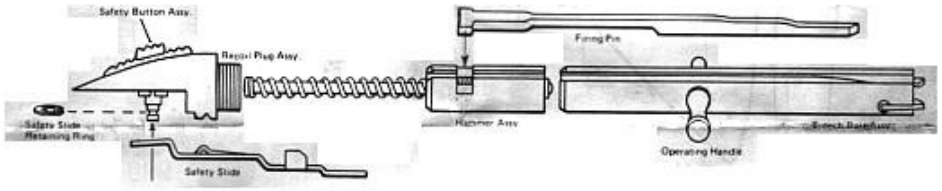

FIGURE 4

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS

All parts must be ordered from one of our CENTRAL PARTS DISTRIBUTORS (see enclosed listing). No parts are sent directly from the factory.

Help speed up your order and help avoid errors. Here is how:

1. Order by PARTS NUMBER and PARTS NAME. Specify MODEL NUMBER (include LETTER if any), stamped on barrel or frame of firearm, SERIAL NUMBER, CALIBER or GAUGE.

2. Please DO NOT ship sample to CENTRAL PARTS DISTRIBUTOR unless it is impossible to identify from the parts list.

3. Certain replacement parts require SPECIAL TOOLS and GAUGES for proper installation. For this reason, certain Savage components are **RESTRICTED** for factory installation ONLY. Certain other components are sold and **RESTRICTED** to installation by GUNSMITHS as noted on parts sheet. **NOTE:** Parts will be furnished for DISCONTINUED MODELS as long as the supply of existing parts last.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING COMPLETE FIREARM FOR SERVICE

MAKE SURE CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE ARE UNLOADED

IMPORTANT – It is a **FEDERAL OFFENSE** to ship firearms and ammunition together. Before packing firearms for shipment, all live ammunition must be removed.

If service is required, your complete firearm may be sent to any of the SAVAGE FACTORY RECOMMENDED GUNSMITHS in your area! (See enclosed listing).

Or, if you wish, send to:

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NOTE: DO NOT send scopes, slings or gun cases with your firearm.

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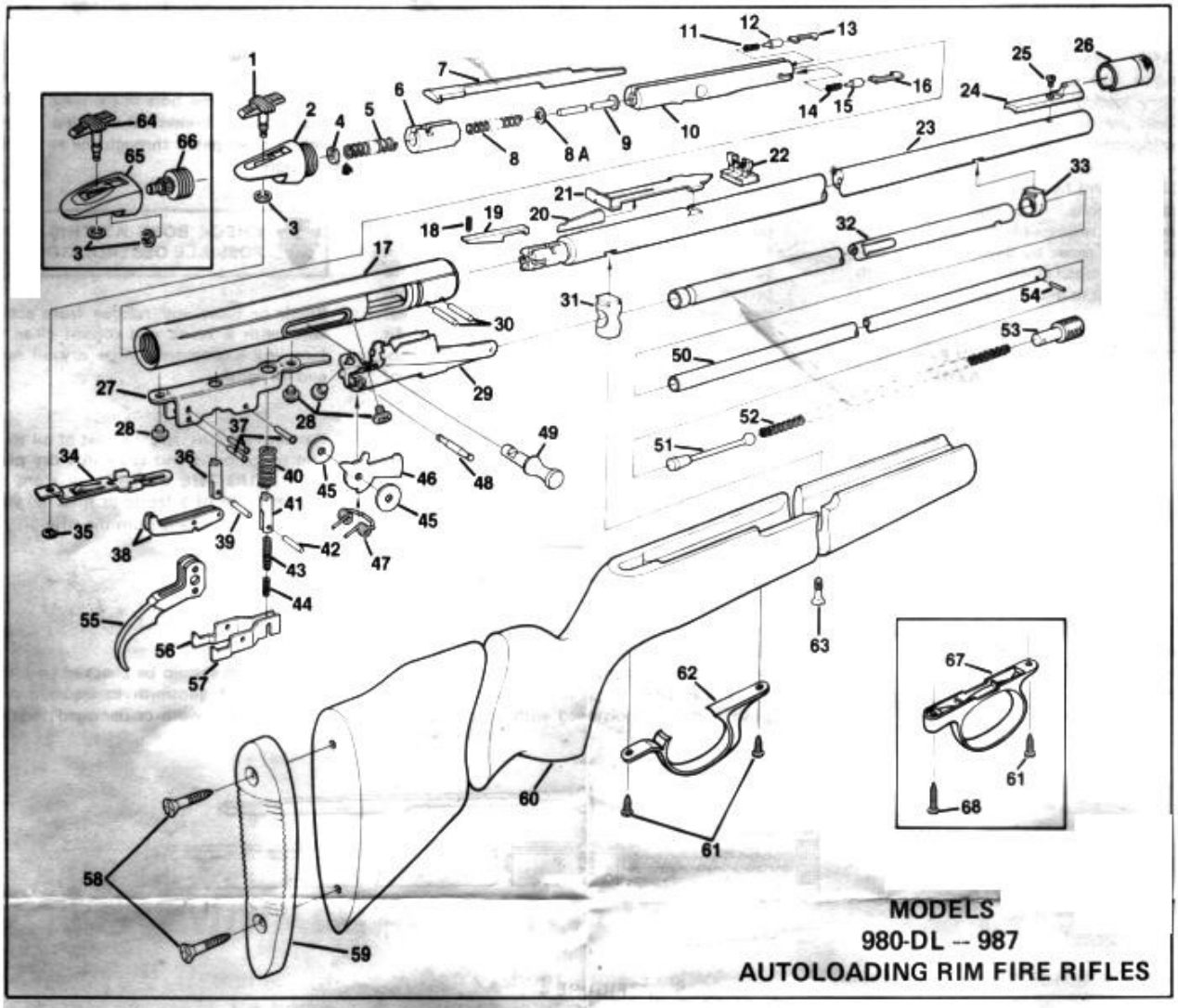

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Key No.	Part No.	Part Name
1	A987019300	Safety Button Assy.
2	P087J17700	Recoil Plug
	†A087J17700	Recoil Plug Assy.
3	P087J76300	Safety Button Retaining Ring
4	P076011100	Hammer Spring Washer
5	P087H11000	Hammer Spring
6	P088010700	Hammer
	†A088010700	Hammer Assy
7	P087N07700	Firing Pin
8	P076002600	Breech Bolt Spring
8a	P076002800	Breech Bolt Spring Washer
9	P076002700	Breech Bolt Spring Rod
10	***P088002500	Breech Bolt
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11	P087N068L0	Extractor Plunger Spring (Left)
12	P087N06700	Extractor Plunger
13	P087N059L0	Extractor, Left
14	P087N068R0	Extractor Plunger Spring (Right)
15	P087N06700	Extractor Plunger
16	P087N059R0	Extractor, Right
17	*P087J00200	Receiver
18	P087054300	Bumper Spring
19	P076002900	Bumper
20	P003023300	Rear Sight Step
21	P0030229L0	Rear Sight (Low)
22	P099F22900	Rear Sight (Folding)
23	*P9800001DG	Barrel
24	P006D21900	Front Sight Base
25	P325022700	Front Sight Screw
26	P340523800	Front Sight Hood
27	P076018200	Release Housing
	†A076018200	Release Housing & Trigger Assy.
28	P087085500	Release Housing Screw
29	P087029300	Magazine Guide
	†A087029300	Magazine Guide Assy.
30	P053001300	Barrel Pin
31	P087014800	Magazine Mount, (Rear)
32	P087035500	Outside Magazine Tube
33	P087014700	Magazine Mount, (Front)
34	P980064500	Safety Slide
35	P980083500	Safety Retaining Ring
36	P076018700	Release Plunger
37	P076004800	Trigger, Detent & Release Lever Pin
38	P987018400	Release Lever
	†A087018400	Release Lever Assy.
39	P094009300	Release Plunger Pin
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41	P076004700	Detent Plunger
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42	P056028500	Trigger Pin
43	P076004900	Detent Plunger Spring
44	P0760068L0	Detent Plunger Inner Spring
45	P076013100	Lifter Spacer
46	P087012100	Lifter
47	P076013200	Lifter Spring
48	P076012900	Lifter Pin
49	P087036000	Operating Handle
50	P087016000	Inside Magazine Tube
	†A087016000	Inside Magazine Tube Assy.
51	P087014300	Magazine Follower
52	P066015600	Magazine Follower Spring
53	P066014900	Magazine Plug
54	P066015000	Magazine Plug Pin
55	P987027900	Trigger
	†A987027900	Trigger Assy.
56	P0870044L0	Detent Lever, (Left)
57	P0870044R0	Detent Lever, (Right)
58	P094003200	Butt Plate Screw
59	P046000500	Butt Plate
60	A987000300	Stock Assy.
61	P125010200	Trigger Guard Screws
62	P094B09900	Trigger Guard
63	P980026800	Takedown Screw

Parts for Model 980

	†P980027900	Trigger
	†A980027900	Trigger Assembly
64	A980019300	Safety Button Assy.
65	P088017700	Recoil Plug
	†A088017700	Recoil Plug Assy.
66	P088065700	Recoil Plug Insert
67	P980009900	Trigger Guard
68	P125010300	Trigger Guard Screw Long (Rear)
	†*P088000200	Receiver
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